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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES TRAVEL PLANS AND INTENTION  
RESHUFFLE CABINET IN MARCH

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 0538 (DTG 290718Z JAN 76) (NOTAL)

1. TALKING WITH REPORTERS JAN 28 PRIOR TO DEPARTURE  
FOR JAKARTA PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN SAID  
THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING SINGAPORE NEXT WEEK AND  
BANGKOK ON FEB 11 AND 12. IN VIEW OF THIS "VERY  
TIGHT SCHEDULE" HE COULD NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES IN  
HIS CABINET AT PRESENT BUT INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE A  
NEW CABINET AND NAME HIS NEW DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
FIRST WEEK IN MARCH. MEANWHILE, "THE WHOLE CABINET  
WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE COUNTRY" IN HIS ABSENCE,  
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2. DATUK HUSSEIN INDICATED HIS VISIT TO JAKARTA WAS TO ESTABLISH AS CLOSE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO, AS HAD HIS PREDECESSOR, LATE TUN ABDUL RAZAK. MATTERS RELATING TO FORTHCOMING ASEAN SUMMIT WOULD BE PARTICULAR FOCUS OF DISCUSSION. ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN ASEAN LEADERS AND PRIME MINISTERS OF AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND FOLLOWING BALI SUMMIT, HUSSEIN ONN TOLD REPORTERS QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED AMONG ASEAN LEADERS, AS "EACH COUNTRY MAY HAVE ITS OWN VIEW." ON POSSIBLE ASEAN DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT, PM SAID IT WAS UNDESIRABLE FOR ASEAN TO BE TURNED INTO A MILITARY PACT. ACCORDING MALAYSIAN NATIONAL WIRE SERVICE "BERNAMA," MALAYSIAN PM EXPECTED BRIEF PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON SECURITY SITUATION IN MALAYSIA, AND SUHARTO IN TURN LIKELY INFORM HUSSEIN ONN OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON "EAST TIMOR." SUBJECT OF BRUNEI ALSO LIKELY TO BE TOUCHED ON. OTHER WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS FROM JAKARTA APPEARING IN LOCAL PRESS INDICATED TWO LEADERS WOULD ADDRESS TOPIC OF ROLE OF ASEAN AFTER AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM INDOCHINA FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST VICTORY (SIC).

3. PRO-GOM MALAY LANGUAGE DAILY "UTUSAN MALAYSIA" COMMENTED EDITORIALY JAN 29 THAT PM'S DEPARTURE ON A TRIP ABROAD SO SOON AFTER ASSUMING OFFICE WAS PROOF POSITIVE OF SMOOTH TRANSITION OF POWER, NOTING IN THIS CONTEXT THAT "IN SOME OTHER COUNTRIES SOME LEADERS HAVE LOST POWER WHEN THEY WERE ABROAD." RUMORS OF LEADERSHIP CRISIS IN ABSENCE OF LATE PM RAZAK THUS WERE PROVED FALSE, PAPER ADDED.  
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